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TIMES OF MALTA (CONSERVATIVE) AUGUST 9 EDITORIAL HEADED "VETO  
AT U.N." WRITES:

"SOUTH KOREA HAS APPLIED AND AGAIN FAILED TO GAIN ADMISSION INTO  
THE UNITED NATIONS, ITS APPLICATION HAVING BEEN VETOED BY CHINA  
AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE APPLICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM TO  
JOIN THE ORGANIZATION IS EXPECTED TO BE VETOED BY THE UNITED  
STATES AND POSSIBLE OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL.

THE ATTITUDE OF CHINA IS UNDERSTANDABLE. THE CHINESE ARE  
GETTING THEIR OWN BACK FOR THE YEARS DURING WHICH THEY HAD BEEN PRE-  
VENTED FROM JOINING THE ORGANIZATION. BOTH CHINA AND THE SOVIET  
UNION STILL INSIST THAT THE TWO KOREAS SHOULD FIND A COMPROMISE AND  
UNITE INTO A SINGLE COUNTRY... THE SOUTH KOREANS HAVE NO  
INTENTION OF GIVING IN TO COMMUNIST PRESSURES IN THIS REGARD,  
KNOWING WELL THAT REUNIFICATION WOULD IN EFFECT MEAN A TAKE-  
OVER BY NORTH KOREA. THE CASE OF THE TWO VIETNAMS IS DIFFERENT.  
THEY ARE SEPARATE IN NAME ONLY... THE SOUTH KOREANS, WITH  
UNITED STATES SUPPORT STILL WISH TO MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE  
FROM COMMUNISM.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT ADMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, READLY  
GRANTED TO COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT ATTACHED TO ANY POLITICAL BLOC,  
IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN FOR OTHERS. IT MAY BE ARGUED  
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THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER WERE ALL THESE COUNTRIES TO BE ADMITTED

AS THEY WOULD FALL UNDER CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION, TO BE SUPPORTED OR CONDEMNED AS THE CASE MAY BE. THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION STILL REMAINS THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL FORUM AND THE MORE NATIONS COMPRISE ITS MEMBERSHIP, THE BETTER OPPORTUNITY WILL THERE BE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE. SMITH

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